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Mr. Fred Berman
Mon Valley R/C Club
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McKeesport, Pennsylvania 15135-1308

Dear Mr. Berman:

This is in reply to your letter to Senator Arlen Specter regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your letter will be included in the

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February 11, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
Room 808
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

My office has been contacted by a constituent of mine, Mr.
Fred Berman of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, who is concerned about

Jan. 22, 1993.

The Honorable Arlen Specter
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C., 20510-3802.

Citizen Request for Interceding with FCC.

Dear Senator Specter:

On behalf of myself as well as approximately 5 million fellow hobbyists in the U.S. may I ask you to intercede with the Federal Communications Commission relative to their proposed plan referred to as NPRM PR Docket 92-235.

Allow me to explain: As late as Jan. 1991 an extensive plan was completed to assign a band of 72 and 75 mhz frequencies to the so-called radio control hobbyists in the U.S.A. These frequencies are used to control model airplane, boats, and cars. While the band was to have been 'clear', it actually became a 'sandwich' with commercial pagers and other non-hobby users being assigned frequencies midway between any two hobby frequencies. We, the hobbyists have learned to live with those neighbors primarily because the Radio Control Manufacturers Association has been able to have its members design and produce radio equipment sufficiently selective to exclude most (but not all) interference from the commercial source.

Now, only two years later, the FCC is considering a new plan, NPRM PR Docket 92-235, to add more slices to the sandwich and to make the slices thinner. In other words, to insert additional frequency fractions in between our existing frequencies and to squeeze bandwidth to $\frac{1}{4}$ its present spacing. If the plan were adopted millions of dollars worth of our radio equipment would be made obsolete, and new and much more expensive equipment would have to be designed and marketed - if this were feasible in the first place.

Please support the 'civil rights' of the modeler-hobbyist and urge the FCC to abandon its to us devastating plan. The radio control hobby in the U.S.A. is a multi-billion dollar business and deserves its place in the radio frequency spectrum sun!

Your support and intervention in this matter will be tremendously appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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